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DELEGATES TO THE ELEVENTH NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP

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ARKANSAS

<u>Delegate</u>	<u>County</u>
Billye Cox	Jackson
Raymond Fisher	Logan
Talmadge Stallcup.	Greene
Leota Vinson	Conway

Miss Cox writes:

"I joined the 4-H club in the year of 1930. I only took one project, which was gardening and canning. My plot of ground was one-eighth of an acre. It was broken, and stable fertilizer was applied in February. We had lots of rain in '30 so my garden was not planted until March and then it was slow getting a start. The soil is sandy loam and of a cool nature.

"I had a pretty good late garden. This year I learned the importance of keeping records, how to can the easiest foods. I made a school dress and entered it in county dress contest and won second place; exhibited canned fruits, and my tomatoes won first place in the county; and put on a garden exhibit which also won first.

"The surplus we didn't use or can was sold. The gross income for the year was \$89.90 and a net profit of \$75.

"In 1931 I had my garden planted in February. Breaking ground and using the fertilizer as in '30. I added strawberries to my crop.

"The same cultivation was used. I exhibited in both canning and gardening, winning first in both.

"This year I was elected vice president of our club. I learned a great deal more about canning and sold all surplus, having a gross income of \$93.57 and a net profit of \$79.90.

"In the year of 1932, I increased the size of my garden and took on poultry. My garden was broken about the same time each year and was planted in February. I have learned remedies for the different kinds of harmful insects that destroy garden plants, the most harmful insects being the chinch bug, blister bug, and plant louse. I helped make the hotbed and cold frame that produced plants such as tomatoes, celery, cauliflower, egg plant, and pepper plants. On June 11 I served ripe tomatoes from my club garden. I have learned to grow a year-round garden by planting back, as the vegetables came off — lima beans, mustard, field peas, string beans, and cabbage, etc.

"In my poultry project I hatched 45 chicks under hens. I fed and kept them clean, selling all but 12 pullets. I mean to keep these pullets

for a start next year. I have won first on each garden and canning exhibit. Gross income of projects was \$111.20, net profit \$95.20.

"In the year of 1933 I took clothing along with poultry and gardening and canning. I increased the size of my garden to a little more than one-fourth of an acre, using the same method as before in planting and cultivation. This year I set a few rows of strawberries, and put out 12 young berry plants, and 20 black-raspberry plants. I made 12 garments in clothing and entered the school-dress contest. I hatched 60 baby chicks by hens and raised 52 and sold or used the culls and cockerels except two cockerels. This left me 15 pullets and 2 cockerels. I exhibited one jar of string beans at the World's Fair for which I won a 5-year subscription to a farm magazine, a certificate of award, and \$1 in cash. The gross income for this year was \$203.21, net profit \$182.21.

"In the year of 1934 I changed from clothing to cookery and carried other projects as in 1933. I learned to cook breads, some vegetables and fruits. My garden is my stand-by, for there is always something there to gather every day to eat, and twice per week for market. that could be exchanged for foods I didn't grow at home. I enlarged my plot to one-half acre and added the canning of meats to my canning list. I exhibited one vegetable and one fruit and won first place in the county and fifth place in the State. In the poultry project this year I hatched 74 chicks and raised 63. I sold all but the very best, and by fall I had 23 pullets and 3 cockerels. Totals for this year were gross \$217.25, net \$189.25.

"In 1935, I took clothing again in place of cookery and added the potato project to my others. I grew more varieties in my garden this year than I ever had before, and quite a number of new ones. I canned 325 quarts besides helping mother. I exhibited 2 quarts of vegetables and 2 fruits and won first in the community. My garden did not cost as much this year, as I saved most of my seed. In clothing I made 24 garments, one of which was knitted, and fulfilled all requirements. I estimated a saving of \$22.38. I also helped to care for and repair clothing for the family (mother, brother aged 13, my father, and myself). I blocked and cleaned one hat, made one pair of sandals from an old worn-out pair of bedroom slippers, and did some dry-cleaning. I entered an afternoon dress and accessories in the dress contest, won first place in the community; first in county (championship), and entered it in State contest, with honorable mention. For first in county I received a medal, a certificate of award, and a free trip to the 4-H Club Encampment.

"Mother went to State camp and I planned and prepared meals while she was gone. I also attended to the repair and upkeep of clothing. She was surprised when she found out I had completed a braided rug and carried on the canning too.

"I took over the flock of poultry this year and kept the egg record. I hatched 106 chicks. A poison snake killed a few of them, but I culled and sold a good many. I built a new brick brooder to raise the little chicks in.

"At the close of this year's record I have 20 hens and 30 pullets, 1 cock, and 3 cockerels.

"Gross income this year is \$425.31, net profit of \$328.51.

"This year - 1936, I completed four records for gardening and canning, foods and cookery, room improvement, and poultry. I also carried on sewing extra.

"My garden covered one-half acre this year the same as last, and by more work and better planning I have increased my yield and profit. I canned 236 quarts and 22 pints of farm and orchard products. Total value from my club garden was \$290.05, leaving me a net profit of \$262.05.

"In poultry I began with the regular flock that I have had for several years. I had 30 pullets, 20 hens, 2 cocks, and 2 cockerels. I cut down feed prices by raising all the feed I could. I made some new coops and feeders and rebuilt my brick brooder. I moved the brooder house to a new location and fenced in a small yard for the little chicks. I made the palings for the fence myself. My egg-laying and hatching record was better this year than in preceding years. The gross value of poultry project is \$202.13 with a net profit of \$102.92.

"In cookery I carried out the last demonstration. I estimated a value of \$15.35 from my cookery. In the summer I help mother with cooking, and when she is away at State camp and other places I plan the meals a week ahead and carry them out as nearly as possible. Then during the school term I live with a family in town and help with housework for board. Among my duties are cooking, house cleaning, and taking care of three children part of the time. This lady is also gone at times, so I carry on the work just as if she were at home.

"I took room improvement this year. My father built two new rooms to our house and improved the old rooms. One of the new rooms is my bedroom. I have tried very hard to make it both attractive and comfortable. I first papered the walls in a pale yellow and finished the woodwork a creamy white. I built in a large clothes closet, then with a few orange crates, a piece or two of lumber, varnish, and a few other little things I made a dressing table, stool, make-up box, and a bedside table. Other things I have made for my room are two scatter rugs, a candlewick spread and curtains to match, a vanity set, and several scarves. I finished the floor in natural color with varnish and made a wax to go on it. My color scheme is yellow and dull green. I used yellow as the predominating color because it is a north room and I needed a warm color. Besides my own room I helped mother with the new living room and the remodeling of the other rooms.

"I exhibited garden products and several jars of canned products at the Jackson County Cotton-Rice Festival and won first on the one-jar exhibit of vegetables.

"My final gross income for this year is \$541.38 with a net profit of \$413.27. Gross income for all years in club work is \$1,681.83 with a net profit of \$1,363.79."

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Mr. Fisher writes:

"I have belonged to a 4-H Club in Logan county 9 years. During this time I have carried a total of 13 projects as follows: 8 corn projects, 1 oats, 1 poultry, 1 sweetpotato, and 2 cotton projects.

"From these projects I have had a gross income of \$960.70 and a net profit of \$513.87. I have never lost money except upon one project, that of cotton in 1934, when my loss was \$5.15.

"But back to the beginning of my club work. I joined the Lone Gum 4-H Club in February 1928. L. C. Baber was then our county agent. I was 10 years of age. I took poultry for my project. My mother, who has always encouraged me in my club work, ordered 25 Barred Plymouth Rock chicks for me, paying 25 cents a chick. These arrived in due time. I had no brooder, so she permitted me to keep them around the stove during the night. I bought three boxes of rolled oats to get them started. Since there were no other chicks on the place, I had plenty of table scraps to feed the 25 after these oats were fed.

"I succeeded in raising 18 out of the 25. I exhibited two pullets and one cockerel at the community fairs at Lone Gum and Scranton and won a total of \$5 in prizes. I sold 3 cockerels and 2 pullets for \$1 each and had 11 pullets and 2 cockerels left.

"In 1929 my project was corn. I was fortunate that year, as well as in all the other years, in having rich land to plant to corn. This first year I produced 41 bushels of corn on a measured acre. This year I won first place at the Arkansas State Fair in the 4-H Club ten-year exhibit. I also sold 10 bushels of seed corn, which I field picked, for \$2 per bushel.

"In 1930 my corn did not do so well, owing to the extreme drought; however, I was able to harvest 20 bushels from my acre.

"In 1931 I produced 54 bushels of corn an acre; and in 1932, 39.6 bushels; in 1933, 68.5 bushels; 1934, 63 bushels; 1935, 53 bushels, and 1936, 50 bushels an acre. During the 8 years I carried corn club projects I had a total of 12 acres and averaged 48.92 bushels an acre.

"The years 1935 and 1936 have been my best years from a financial standpoint. In the fall of 1934 I sowed oats on an acre of ground. From this measured acre, I harvested 70 bushels of oats. I then planted the land to June corn. I gathered 53 bushels of excellent corn from this same

acre. My total net profits for the year 1935 were \$67.20 from this one acre of land.

"I increased my club activities very much during this year. I carried 3 projects; namely, 5 acres of corn, 12 acres of cotton, and 3/8 acre of sweetpotatoes. My total net profit from these three projects was \$334.23.

"I have always belonged to a small club, but our club is one of four other clubs which make up a large consolidated club at Scranton. During my club work I have been president of my own club 4 years, president of the consolidated club 2 years; vice-president of my club 2 years; secretary 1 year; reporter 1 year; song leader 1 year; and play director 2 years.

"I have been county club president 2 years. County recreational leader 3 years. I have been on seven different judging teams and four different demonstration teams in the county, but our teams have never won first place in the State.

"In 1935 there was an outbreak of blackleg in our county. I assisted in vaccinating several hundred head of cattle for this disease and often gave the medicine and shots myself. I have helped to vaccinate, for cholera, several herds of hogs in my community; and have treated three pigs for worms by means of the balling gun.

"Our club has held 28 different meetings during the past 3 years. I have attended all; also the 3 county rallies and 3 achievement days held by the county during this time.

"I have helped to run terrace lines on five farms under the direction of the county agent and have aided in the construction of two rock terrace outlets.

"At present I am chairman under the Agricultural Conservation Program and engaged in checking performance under this program."

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Mr. Stallcup writes:

"I became a member of the Beech Grove 4-H Club in Greene County in 1933 at the age of 13. For my demonstration I selected a choice pig from my father's herd, and fed and cared for it as instructed by our county agent, Mr. Ben A. Lincoln. At the end of the year, after taking off all costs for feed, labor, and other expenses, I had made a profit of 5 dollars.

"During this first year I participated in several programs presented by my local club.

"My club prepared a booth at the county fair and won about fifteen dollars in prizes.

"In 1934, my second in club work, I again selected a pig for my demonstration. I ordered a purebred Duroc boar pig from a well-known breeder in Missouri. This was the first purebred boar to be brought into my community. Besides the value of my pig to the community in breeding for a better grade of hogs, my brother was enabled to grow purebred pigs from his purebred gilt, which became the first purebred sow in the community. My uncle and a neighbor then saw the advantage of purebred hogs and bought a pair, so that four of us were growing purebred hogs by the end of 1934. I had also realized a net profit of 5 dollars in cash.

"My club won first on its booth at the county fair that year, and received as a prize a library set of 18 volumes. These books, together with some others, were organized into a 4-H club library.

"During that year my club organized a basketball team and I was selected as coach.

"Last year, my third in club work, I selected a choice Hereford baby beef for my demonstration and planted a good pasture for it. I made a net profit of \$7.50 on it over a period of 6 months, and used the money made to help defray my expenses in graduating from high school.

"I attended the State camp held at Fayetteville for the first time last year, and, together with two other members of my club, represented our county in the State dairy-judging contest in which we won seventh place. My brother, Allen, and I gave a dairy demonstration also.

"I was elected president of my local club and vice president of the county council of 4-H clubs in the year 1935.

"A county tournament for 4-H club basketball teams was held that year. My club entered both boys' and girls' teams and won a basketball for second place in sportsmanship.

"This year has been my most successful one in every way. I have enlarged my club program to include a demonstration with both a dairy calf and with Irish potatoes, and have netted \$6 on the heifer and \$35 on the potatoes. I was elected president of my local club for the second time this year. I was also elected vice president of the county council and am now president due to the resignation of the president. I have won two places in our county contest this year which carried with them the right to be a member of the dairy-judging and demonstration teams that were to represent our county at the State contests in Fayetteville during the 4-H club camp the first week in August. The dairy judging team of which I was a member placed second in the State contest and was chosen to represent Arkansas at the Mid-South Fair in Memphis, Tenn. The team demonstration won first in its division, and gave my team mate, Lionell Penney, and me the right to represent the Arkansas 4-H clubs at the National Dairy Show in Dallas, Tex.

"My team mates and I appreciated the trips we were to get, recognized the responsibility of representing 4-H club members of the entire State of Arkansas, and decided to make the best showing of which we were capable. We studied all the farmers' bulletins, extension circulars, and other material supplied by our county agent, and took advantage of any time that he was able to give in working with us.

"We left our home for Memphis on Monday morning, September 14, 1936, and arrived there about 9:30 a.m. Here we joined the 4-H judging team from Conway County, and Mr. V. L. Gregg, dairy specialist. It was our pleasure to work with them 3 days, during which time we visited some of the leading dairy herds in the States of Tennessee and Mississippi.

"We entered the judging arena at the fair on Thursday morning, September 17, in competition with teams from Mississippi and Tennessee. Our team won first place in the dairy-cattle judging contest. The members of our team ranked first, third, and fourth, as individuals. I was the member that ranked fourth.

"On October 11, at the National Dairy Show, we demonstrated the making of high-quality farm butter under ordinary farm conditions, and placed first in competition with teams from eight States.

"My 4 years' experience as a 4-H club member has helped me in many ways. I have learned numbers of improved farm practices and put them into action in my home and on my farm. In club work I have also learned and practiced teamwork and cooperation. I have represented my community, my county, and my State to the best of my ability, and am continually trying to apply the 4-H club motto - To Make The Best Better."

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Miss Vinson writes:

"Eight years ago this November, I attended my first 4-H meeting. While working in a 4-H club I have learned how to raise poultry, how to make money with it, and how to save money.

"In the year 1934, I raised chickens enough to send myself to school for 4 months. I had a lot of work to do, but I enjoyed it.

"In the spring of '35, I was given a room with an old iron bed, springs, mattress, etc., and \$5 with which to finish fixing it. At first I wondered what to do. Then I remembered the demonstration our county agent had given us in room improvement, so I went to work, bought paper without border and plain shades, made curtains, a dressing table from an old washstand, and a long wooden box. I covered the box and the dressing table with light cretonne and bought a mirror, all for \$4.99. Then I made four small rugs and nine pillows. When my room was finished it looked pretty good, and had it not been for the demonstration I could not have done this.

"In one of our meetings, we discussed made-over clothes, how to dye old clothes, etc. Many times I have found the things we were taught useful. Until then I had never made over any clothes, but since, I have made over all articles that I believe could be used.

"I have learned how to make good jellies and to can vegetables and fruit.

"Summary of my club work:

1. Eight years a member.
2. Offices held:
 - a. Club secretary, 2 years.
 - b. Song leader, 1 year.
 - c. Recreational leader, 2 years.
 - d. County secretary, 1 year.
 - e. District vice president for the next year.
 - f. Local leader for younger group of club members, 1 year, and assistant local leader for older group.
3. Number contests entered:
 - a. Clothing contests 3 years in county and 1 year in State contest.
 - b. Judging Clothing, 2 years in county and 1 year in State contest.
 - c. Our club entered dramatics contest 2 years, and I took part each time.
 - d. I entered two team demonstration contests in county.
4. Number demonstrations carried and completed:
 - a. Poultry, 6 years, from which I earned \$469.85.
 - b. Clothing, 5 years; during this time I made 48 garments and made over 12 garments at a saving of \$139.05.
 - c. Foods and cookery, 4 years; during this time I prepared 236 dishes and learned to plan and serve meals.
 - d. Home improvement, 2 years; improved my own room and helped with other rooms in my home.
 - e. Home management, 1 year, in which I learned how to care for the kitchen and plan and serve family meals.
 - f. Gardening and canning, 1 year. My garden demonstration was this year. Because of the drought my garden was cut short, but the total value of my gardening and canning work was \$109.75. This year I canned 269 quarts of fruits and vegetables. This makes a total of 20 demonstrations with a net profit of \$719.35.
5. Prizes won:
 - a. First place in County Style Revue in cotton school dress, 1935.

- b. First place in County Style Revue in Party Dress in 1936.
- c. Five prizes on exhibits in Community Fair, 1935.
- d. County and District Champion girl, 1935."

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